

# FEW KNEW PRESIDENT WAS HERE

## Quick Plans Made To Convey News To Press of Country

The arrival of the nation's chief executive in Gloucester, eventful occasion under any circumstances, was accomplished quietly, perhaps a bit more so than ordinarily might be the case in view of the constant vigil of newspapermen covering almost his every movement.

And so President Franklin D. Roosevelt, his son, James, and the party on board the *Amberjack II*, slipped into the harbor 10 minutes before the midnight hour last night, when a goodly portion of Gloucester's citizenry was tucked snugly between the quilts. Consequently, most of them awoke this morning to find the trim little schooner just inside the breakwater and the inner and outer harbor dotted with the accompanying squadron.

### Without Show.

The President's arrival here was certainly without ostentation. There wasn't the slightest bit of noise. Only swish-swash as the prows of the ships cut the water, broke the stillness of the night. This and the constant flashing of a myriad of lights aboard the accompanying flotilla were all that told the President was here. And that was the way the chief executive wanted it. No one anticipated that he would undertake a bold dash in the night across the steamer lanes of Massachusetts bay from the tip end of Cape Cod to Cape Ann. But that's exactly what he did, changing his plans at sea after part of the flotilla had made harbor at Provincetown late in the afternoon.

### Thebaud Leaves.

Other vessels and the *Amberjack II*, within a period of 20 minutes.

### Wires Kept Hot.

In the interim, hasty preparations for the handling of the news of the President's arrival had been going on and it wasn't long after midnight that the Western Union telegraph office was a bedlam of activity as newspaper reporters covering the leading services, the Associated Press, International News Service, United Press and Universal News and metropolitan dailies everywhere came in with their copy to tell the world of the President's trip from Nantucket to Cape Cod and from there across the bay to the ancient fishing port of Gloucester.

Up to 4 o'clock this morning, wires were busy carrying stories, principally to Chicago and other points further west, so that people out there may read in the morning papers of the arrival of President Roosevelt at Gloucester. Then there was a lull and early this morning the hum was resumed as the news began to go out again for the afternoon papers.

# MACKEREL CATCH CONSIDERABLY LESS

For the week ending June 16 the amount of mackerel landed by the fleet was 314,700 pounds. They were caught mostly off No Man's Land and off South Shoal Light. Some were caught by seiners off Thacher's Island.

Netters have made moderate catches along the shore, mostly off Thacher's. Catches comprised mixed fish, large and small, the large about two each and small one pound. They sold ex-vessel during the week from 3 to 8 cents per pound for large and 2 to 6.50 for mediums and a few spikes at 2 cents.

In the corresponding week last year the mackerel fleet landed 1,794,499

pounds of fresh mackerel, mostly large and medium fish, caught mostly off South Shoal light. Included in the receipts were 16 arrivals from Cape Shore with 470,000 pounds. Mackerel sold during that week from 1.3 to 5.5 cents per pound.

### Selling for Bait.

Advices to the Boston Fish Bureau from Yarmouth, N. S., state that traps are catching a few mackerel, mostly large, that are being sold locally for bait, some for salting and the remainder for freezing.

The total mackerel catch for 1933 has been 10,271,165 pounds as compared with 11,844,500 pounds in 1932; 8,574,400 pounds in 1931; 12,654,595 pounds in 1930 and 8,882,400 pounds in 1929.

## SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

### HEAVY BANK FOG ENVELOPED COAST LINE EARLY THIS MORNING

The President would have received all the privacy in the world if he were here this morning, and the *Amberjack II* would have been lost in the thick fog which blanketed all shipping in its damp white robes. Bad, very bad, for the ships at sea.

Even the Gertrude L. Thebaud failed to draw such a "house" as did the presidential yacht *Amberjack II*, with President Roosevelt in person aboard, as he sailed via the picturesque Squam river, that he might get the full advantage of the wind instead of having to buck against it. Incidentally it was like a village mass meeting to see the hundreds which flocked to the river bank from the "Cut" bridge to Squam yacht club and beyond, just to catch a glimpse of the President and receive his farewell salute.

Capt. Ed Proctor, president of the Master Mariners, who boarded the *Amberjack II* yesterday forenoon with Capt. Ben Pine, pleased the chief executive of the nation immensely when he conferred upon him an honorary membership in the association. The President will be sent a suitably engraved and decorative membership card in the near future.

All craft in the harbor which sailed tround the presidential yacht, took down their "highs" and flew the American flag from the topmast in honor of the President. Among those to hover around the craft were the Rose and Lucy, Capt. Philip Parisi, Rose Marie, Capt. Peter Scola, Virginia and Mary, and the Grace F. Capt. Frank Favalora, all mackerel seiners except the Virginia and Mary which is a dragger. Harbor Master Loren A. Jacobs, skipper of the tug Eveleth, was within 10 feet of the yacht, while the oil boat from Nangle Oil company, was alongside to supply the yacht with gasoline.

It looks as if that idea to land, all the mackerel caught by the fleet of seiners in Boston, has not panned out so well, for Boston dealers have not been able to handle the fish as they are said to have claimed they could. Therefore the latest quirk in the grand struggle to emerge from the mackerel dilemma is that the fish be landed right here in Gloucester, and disposed of by local dealers to whatever buyers in other distributing points which are willing to handle them.

Two strange boats are in port, and Squibs, who, with the rest of the scribes from near and far have been pursuing presidential arrivals, has sort of slipped up. One of them is said to be the Norwegian steamer Norkap II, docking at Pew's wharf, loading supplies for a proposed trip to Greenland.

The second craft is some craft, being a four-master, arriving yesterday afternoon and anchoring off the Pancake in the outer harbor. What's her name and where she has been is something more that will appear in the "colyum" tomorrow.

Were they all upset at the Fort yesterday! It seems that the mackerel market at Boston Fish pier simply wasn't, and there was no way to unload the fares, so word was sent out to that effect. But the Nova Julia, Capt. Leo Favalora, refused to heed the warning, and after icing up, set sail for better or for worse. The rest of the Italian fishermen immediately congregated along the wharves and the street, and for hours let fire a regular bombardment of palaver in their native tongue, which sounded like the war was on anon. They rather felt their skippers and owners should let them follow the Nova Julia, or that they should be able to force the craft to stay in port. Incidentally, Capt. John Dahlmer, president of the Fishing Masters Producers association, appeared on the scene and did his best to straighten out matters.

The Fort wharves from the Cape Ann Cold Storage to the Cape Pond Ice company section, had quite a crew of "handliners" enjoying themselves yesterday afternoon as they sat on the edge of the piers, and waited for tinker mackerel, pollock or flounders to nibble at the worms they used for bait. One chap had quite a catch of the small mackerel which looked delicious enough for any table.



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As one Thebaud to another, it was far from polite, although no Thebaud or anyone else should get in the way when the President is waiting. And for that act of indiscretion, a pulpit went haywire delaying the swordfisherman's sailing another day. It seems that the swordfishermen Louis A. Thebaud and Annie and Mary were at Capt. Ben Pine's wharf, and in their way was the sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud, the honored transport of the pier. When Capt. Ben wanted to take his craft out to call on the Amberjack, he requested the other two vessels to make way for the larger schooner. In so doing, the Annie and Mary had proceeded but a few feet when the engine of the Gertrude L. churned the waters and gave the swordfisherman another kick which caused her to whack the pulpit at the bowsprit of the Louis A. Thebaud. That gave the ship-smiths something to do to straighten out the matter and the iron.

Capt. Stephen Black of the Pollock Rip lightship, has been renewing old friends among the master mariners at the Main street clubrooms these last few days. Capt. Stephen sailed out of Gloucester as far back as 1882, and never once since then has lost interest in Gloucester, though he longs for the old days.

Skipper Jeff Thomas is in port, having brought the halibut Adventure into the Independent Fisheries wharf from Boston yesterday. He hauled for 20,000 pounds in Boston Tuesday morning, when the reported price was 12 to 9 cents per.

Plenty has been scribbled about clever net does along the waterfront.

#### Salmon Fishing Dull

Salmon fishing has been reported very dull by the Bridgewater, N. S. fishermen the past week or 10 days. Those taken in the nets were sold in the home markets at 13 cents per pound.

Previously reported arrived from the banks, the handliner Rex Perry, Capt. Wilbert Fralick, is discharging 1000 quintals fish, which are being distributed among the fish curers along the LaHave River, for drying. After refitting, the vessel will sail for the banks on the summer trip.

John S. Mosher, of Mosher Island, was in Bridgewater Monday, by motor boat, and loaded cargo to return. He reports that fishing in his district has been very dull lately and bait scarce. Bad weather the past week has interfered with fishing operations.

#### Bound to Barbadoes

Bound to Barbadoes, the American tern schooner Adams, Capt. Kennedy, was towed out the river last Saturday by the Violetta G. The vessel, which loaded at the Railway wharf, is carrying a cargo of spruce and pine lumber which was brought by rail from Caledonia. Her return cargo will be from Turks Island to Providence, R. I.

The Adams, formerly owned here, had an eventful trip, several months ago, springing aleak and barely reaching Yarmouth, N. S.

#### N. F. Lobsters.

The lobster fishery in certain parts of the Marine Provinces has been most discouraging. Shipments of live lobsters to the United States markets have shown very little profit to the fishermen. Owing to the low prices obtained for canned lobsters last year, comparatively few licenses have been issued to local packers this year. The increased value of the pound will continue to help the price, and it is hoped that Germany will reduce the duty on canned lobsters.—St. John's, N. F., Herald and Trade Review.

#### N. S. Fishing Notes.

Tiverton, June 17.—Motor vessel Grace Lee, Capt. Ralph Welch, Halifax, was in port this week loading dry fish.

## RECEIPTS VERY LIGHT TODAY

### TWO OF HARBOR TRAPS TOOK MACKEREL—FOUR GILL NETTERS LIFTED

Fresh fish returns since yesterday at this port reached a new "low," when only 5500 pounds of mackerel, and an equal amount of cod were recorded, one netter and two traps getting the mackerel, while four gill netters scored the cod.

Conditions in the mackerel industry are growing worse instead of better, for Boston was not very much interested in the catch yesterday, and the seiners were advised to stick to the home port, instead of making another trip. The meeting Saturday afternoon at the Master Mariners should be an exciting one, eclipsing all others. Talw of making Gloucester the mackerel port in place of Boston, is gaining adherents in this section, according to reports being circulated.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Martin, netting, 1000 lbs. mackerel. Tarr's traps, 3000 lbs. mackerel. Douglass' traps, 1500 lbs. mackerel. Norwegian aux. yacht Norkap II, via New London, Conn.

Thelma, via Boston.

Col. Lindbergh, via Boston.

Josephine and Mary, via Boston.

Margaret D., via Boston.

Carlo and Vince, via Boston.

#### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

C. A. Meister, 2000 lbs. cod.

Naomi Bruce II., 1500 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1000 lbs. cod.

Liboria C., 1000 lbs. cod.

#### Sailed.

Amberjack II., Portsmouth, N. H. U.S.S. Comanche, Portsmouth, N. H.

U.S.S. Ellis, Portsmouth, N. H.

Nova Julia, seining.

#### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived.

Presidential yacht, Amberjack II., cruising.

Norwegian aux. yacht Norcap II.

#### TIMES FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

##### Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

#### On the Ways

The Paolina is on Rocky Neck railways to repair a leak.

The Enterprise is on Rocky Neck railways for painting.

Yacht Ocosse is on Rocky Neck railways for installation of new shaft.

#### First Halibut in 21 Years.

Believe it or not! For the first time in 21 years or thereabouts, a halibut has been caught in the Straits of Canso. William Power was enjoying the sport of line fishing off Brophy's Point, Mulgrave, when he landed one weighing 15 pounds.

## TRADING STILL DULL FOR SEINERS

### THREE MORE FARES AT BOSTON —GROUND FISH RECEIPTS ARE LIGHT TODAY.

Seventeen vessels arrived at the Boston fish pier this morning with 257,000 pounds of groundfish, 24,500 pounds of fresh mackerel, 62 swordfish and 95,000 pounds of mixed fish. Groundfish prices were lower, while swordfish held about the same.

Mackerel continued to move slowly. Seven of yesterday's arrivals were unable to move their fish at the minimum price and held over until today in the hopes of disposing of their catches.

The Yarmouth boat brought down a consignment of 110 crates of lobsters.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Quincy, 25,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Str. Cormorant, 28,000 haddock, 36,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Saturn, 24,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.

Str. Boston, 47,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Milton, 31,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.

Andrew and Rosalie, 32 swordfish.

Mary M., 30 swordfish.

Catherine Graffeo, 20,000 mackerel.

St. Providenza, 3400 mackerel.

Trap boat, 1100 mackerel.

Two Brothers, 8300 mixed fish.

Alphonso, 5600 mixed fish.

Eva II., 4500 mixed fish.

Eddie and Lulu M., 7200 mixed fish.

Josie II., 5200 mixed fish.

Mayflower, 4700 mixed fish.

Maria Guiseppi, 2000 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.75 to \$1.85; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 1 cent to 1 1-2 cents per lb; lemon sole, 6 cents; black backs, 1 cent; yellow tails, 1 1-2 cents; mackerel, 2 cents per lb to 3 cents; swordfish, 20 cents to 27 cents lb; spike mackerel, \$1.25 bbl.; catfish, 1 cent.

#### Nova Scotia Bait Report

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait only.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available. Schooners Isabel Corkum and John MacKay arrived in port.

North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport—Bait scarce.

Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Herring very scarce. Mackerel catch fair Saturday.

#### Lighthouse Change.

The Superintendent of Lighthouses has notified shipping interests that some changes in the buoyage in Buzzards Bay have just been made. Westport buoy 2, a second class special nun, has been established 900 yards, 107 degrees from Westport Light in 12 feet of water. Lumber Rocks buoy 2 has been changed to a second class special nun buoy. Two-Mile Rock buoy 1 has been changed to a second class special can. and Dog Fish Ledge buoy 3 has been changed to a third class special can.